

**Message Series: Once Upon a Marriage**  
**Message #3: Faith-Less or Faith-Full?**

Talking through the message throughout & during the week with your Hope Team, family or friends, will help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps as you move forward. Begin with the key questions & scriptures & feel free to add any additional scriptures or questions that you may come up with or think about during your conversation. Be sure to wrap up in prayer & decide on Next Steps.

**With your Bible or YouVersion, read Genesis 12:1-9 and Hebrews 11:8.**

These verses describe how Abraham obeyed God's calling to leave home. Even though he didn't know where he was going, Abraham and Sarah demonstrated faith in God by obeying.

- Describe a time when it took faith to do something that God led you to do? What did you learn about trusting in God?
- What did your earliest dreams of marriage look like? How different is your life now from how you thought it would be?

**Read Genesis 12:10-20.**

Abraham gives into his fear in this passage. We see his faith falter as he asks his wife Sarah to pretend to be his sister.

- Describe a time when you gave into your own fear and did not rely on God. What did you learn from this experience?
- How have you seen fear affect your relationships with others and with God?

**Read Genesis 16:1-6.**

Sarah grows impatient waiting on God's promise to give her a child in this passage, so she asks Abraham to marry Hagar so that she can give them a child.

- Why is it so hard for most of us to be patient while waiting on God to answer our prayers? Why do you think God makes us wait sometimes?
- Sarah's impatience caused her to get ahead of God's timing of keeping His promise. How have you seen impatience negatively affect your relationships?

**Read Genesis 17:17, 18:12-14, and Romans 4:19-21.**

Even though Abraham and Sarah endured faithless seasons, Romans 4 shows us that they did not lose faith. Their faith was ultimately strengthened when God fulfilled His promise.

- Discuss how each of the faithless seasons has played out in your life. Which one do you identify with the most?
- What are some specific things you can do to have the kind of faith that Abraham and Sarah had?
- Even with faithless seasons, Abraham and Sarah are icons of faith. How will you live from now on so your life (and marriage) will be characterized by faith?

## Next Steps

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you have a stronger marriage or prepare for a marriage that honors God.

- Spend time with your spouse writing a vision statement for your marriage based on faith in God not just your personal goals. Put this written document where you can see it on a regular basis.
- Spend time reading Hebrews 11, known as the faith chapter. Let God speak to you as you read about the great things that have been accomplished as a result of having faith in God.

## Prayer Tips for the Week

- Confess those areas of your life in prayer where you lack faith. Ask God to strengthen your faith.
- Share with God in prayer the fears that have a hold on you. Ask God to help you remove all fears.
- Pray and ask God to give you more patience in all of your relationships and with God.
- Pray and ask God to help give you a vision for your marriage or any other important relationships in your life.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep Talking About It online.  
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### Top 3 Ministry Needs

Don't miss the joy & fellowship of serving in ministry at Hope Springs Church. Mark your Connection Card or email [Jody@myhopesprings.com](mailto:Jody@myhopesprings.com) for more details about these important ministry needs.

- ⇒ First Impressions: Serve on the Parking Lot Team, greeting or other pre-service planning.
- ⇒ Young Believers: Minister to our youngest believers on a permanent or rotating basis. Ages: 0-5th Grade.
- ⇒ Worship Team: Auditions are beginning in February, please mark your Connection Card or get with Pastor Frank or Kris with questions.

### ***Pastoral Staff & Leadership Team***

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Our Mission: We exist to shamelessly glorify God by making disciples through Spirit-Filled worship, Spirit-Filled community & Spirit-Filled expansion.







# 1 CHURCH 2 EXPERIENCES

New Service Times Begin:

## March 3, 2013

### 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.

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Salvation ■ Holy Spirit Baptism ■ Divine Healing ■ Second Coming

Discovering together the WHY behind the WHAT.  
WHY do we believe WHAT we believe?



Please keep Pastor Kris in your prayers as he travels to India for two weeks to check on the progress of the DAYA Home Missions Project & teaches in the Bible College there. If you'd like to partner with him in this endeavor in prayer, giving or going, please mark your Connection Card for more information. He travels from February 15-March 2.

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS

March 6, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. | Dinner Served | Mark Your Connection Card Today



## Thinking About Spring/Summer Hope Teams?

In February & March we are  
looking for Hope Team Leaders  
& Hosts for our Spring/  
Summer Hope Team Semester.



If you are interested, see Pastor Sam or email him at [Sam@MyHopeSprings.com](mailto:Sam@MyHopeSprings.com)

## Summer Hope Teams run May, June & July

### 15,000 EGGS | GAMES | FREE FOOD | MANY PRIZES

# HUNT FOR HOPE

## March 30, 2013 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Olympic Park in Stafford Springs  
Visit [www.MyHopeSprings.com](http://www.MyHopeSprings.com) for details



# Welcome to: HOPE SPRINGS church

There is NOTHING quite like a juicy love story... the romance, the intrigue, & maybe a little scandal. During the month of February 2013, we are digging in to some of the most intriguing & complicated biblical marriages to see what we can learn. Travel back in time with us for Once Upon a Marriage.

We're so glad you're here! When you come to church & spend time in worship, you're taking time to stay connected with God & with those people that make up the church. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me... will produce much fruit."

When you are connected to God, you are connected to your life source & everything you need is found in Him — joy, strength, peace, endurance, & hope. As you draw close to Him today, you can be confident that His abundant love will speak to you.

Here are a few suggestions to make your worship experience a great one:

- ◆ We honor ALL of our guests & ask them to please be sure to fill out a Connection Card, found inside this Worship Guide. You can place it in the offering baskets on the stage on your way out or turn them in at the First Impressions Booth in the foyer & we'll give you a free gift today.
- ◆ Parents, we encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful Young Believers Ministry downstairs. All children 5th grade & under are welcome. For security purposes, please be sure to sign your child in & out.
- ◆ Please remember to silence all cell phones during service.
- ◆ We truly pray you experience God in a fresh & impactful way today & you will allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you. If you need prayer for a specific need, please find your way to the front of the stage & a prayer partner will meet you there.
- ◆ There is additional parking across the street if needed.

Cheering You On,

Pastor Kris & Jada Young

## Vision & Planning Meeting

### March 3, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m.

Where Have We Been... Where Are We Going...  
And How Are We Going to Get There!



## Everyone is Invited!